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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62454

Mitsuhiro Kanada, et al. ✓

Appln. No.: 09/750,125 ✓

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For: ✓ MICROPOROUS SOUNDPROOFING MATERIAL

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 21, 2002 (the three-month response date falling on Saturday, September 21, 2002), review and reconsideration on the merits are respectfully fully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A microporous soundproofing material comprising an expanded material formed through the step of impregnating a thermoplastic elastomer with an inert gas under high pressure of from 6 to 100 MPa and then decompressing the impregnated elastomer, wherein the expanded material comprises closed cells having an average cell diameter of from